

End of Sale Announcement for Two-Port Channelized T1/PRI and Channelized E1/PRI Port Adapters

Introduction

Cisco Systems is announcing the end of sale (EoS) for the two-port Channelized T1/PRI and Channelized E1/PRI port adapters, models PA-2CT1/PRI and PA-2CE1/PRI-xx. This action is necessitated due to the lack of ongoing availability of key components for these products (See Table 1). The replacement product and support programs are mentioned herein below.

Products Affected	Last Order Date	Last Ship Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA-2CT1/PRI • PA-2CE1/PRI-75 • PA-2CE1/PRI-120 	January 28, 2000	February 11, 2000

General Statement of Direction for Channelized T1/E1 Port Adapters

The PA-2CT1/PRI and PA-2CE1/PRI-xx port adapters have been shipping for approximately four years. The technology upon which these interfaces are based has become obsolete, and component support by vendors has become scarce. Additionally, substitute Cisco port adapters that do not rely on the same, obsolete, technology are available that offer Cisco customers greater functionality at an equal or lower price per port.

Support Programs

EoS refers to the time when certain products are no longer available for new purchases. It does not apply to the service and support programs for those products. Cisco will continue to support PA-2CT1/PRI, PA-2CE1/PRI-75, and PA-2CE1/PRI-120 after EoS through our SMARTNet™ and Comprehensive Maintenance programs. Customers with either of these service contracts are entitled to free software updates, 24-hour phone support through the Technical Assistance Center, and advance hardware replacements for repairs. Comprehensive Maintenance customers also receive onsite service. Customers who do not have a maintenance contract can purchase software updates and hardware repair services from Cisco to meet specific requirements rather than full service coverage. Cisco is committed to providing software support for a minimum of two (2) years and providing hardware support for a period of five (5) years after EoS date.

Product Substitution

The following products are available as substitution for PA-2CT1/PRI, PA-2CE1/PRI-75, PA-2CE1/PRI-120 (See Table 2).

End of Sale Product	Replacement Product	Advantages of Replacement Product
PA-2CT1/PRI	PA-MC-2T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same price as PA-2CT1/PRI • Integrated Channel Service Unit (CSU) and Data Service Unit (DSU) • CSU can be disabled for DSX1 operation • Channelized T1, full-rate T1, and Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Primary Rate Interface (PRI) on same interface • Standard RJ-45 connectors
	PA-MC-4T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same advantages as PA-MC-2T1 • Double port density over PA-2CT1/PRI
	PA-MC-8T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same advantages as PA-MC-2T1 • Quadruple port density over PA-2CT1/PRI
PA-2CE1/PRI-120	PA-MC-2E1/120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same price as PA-2CE1/PRI-120 • Channelized E1, full-rate E1, and ISDN PRI on same interface • Standard RJ-45 connectors
	PA-MC-8E1/120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same advantages as PA-MC-2E1/120 • Quadruple port density over PA-2CE1/PRI-120
PA-2CE1/PRI-75	PA-MC-2E1/120 with CAB-ADPT-75-120*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equivalent price to PA-2CE1/PRI-75 and CAB-E1-BNC • Channelized E1, full-rate E1, and ISDN PRI on same interface • Standard RJ-45 connectors
	PA-MC-8E1/120 with CAB-ADPT-75-120*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same advantages as PA-MC-2E1/120 • Quadruple port density over PA-2CE1/PRI-75

* For further information, see <http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/core/7206/7206cfg/6728cab1.htm>

The PA-MC-2T1, PA-MC-2E1, PA-MC-4T1, PA-MC-8T1, and PA-MC-8E1/120 are supported in the Cisco IOS® Release 11.1CC, 12.0XE, 12.0T, and 12.0S. Customers currently using IOS Release 11.1CA, 11.2, or 11.3 will need to migrate to Release 11.1CC or one of the 12.0 releases to support the new multichannel port adapters.

For more information on the differences between the multichannel port adapters and the channelized T1/E1 port adapters, please see the application notes on the following pages:

- <http://www.cisco.com/warp/customer/cc/cisco/mkt/core/adap/isdn/prodlit/>

End of Life Schedule

- End of Life Announcement—September 13, 1999
- End of Sale—January 28, 2000. After January 28, 2000, PA-2CT1/PRI, PA-2CE1/PRI-75, and PA-2CE1/PRI-120 will no longer be orderable
- End of Shipment—Approximately February 11, 2000 (individual lead times may vary)
- End of Software Maintenance—January 28, 2002
- End of Hardware Maintenance—January 28, 2005
- After January 28, 2005 no hardware repairs or exchanges will be available for PA-2CT1/PRI, PA-2CE1/PRI-75, and PA-2CE1/PRI-120



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